

## **CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON**

### **Art Commission MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** January 24, 2012

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

#### **Arts Commission Members Present:**

☒ Shelley Brittingham  
☒ Donna DiFiore  
☒ Andrea Reay  
☒ Robbie Howell

☒ Shelli Park  
☒ Michael O'Neill  
☒ Chloe Bjordahl  
☒ Debbie Thoma

☒ Virginia Wright

#### **Staff Present:**

Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor  
Maureen Hoffmann, Community member

#### **Minutes**

Meeting called to order. November 22 minutes are approved.

#### **Cultural Competency**

In December 2011 the "Connecting to Cultural Community" committee met to discuss the future of the committee. Shelley shared the decision of the committee to create cultural competency guidelines that could be used by all committees in the future. Shelley shared a definition of cultural competency and the draft of the guidelines. Virginia would like all commissioners to read through and contemplate, and the guidelines will be voted on at the February meeting. Gina will e-mail guidelines to the commissioners. Commission also asked about posting these types of guidelines on the city website. The final guidelines will be posted on the city website with the minutes. Andrea asked for more definition on program adaptations...we will discuss at February meeting how guidelines can be used.

#### **2012 Work Plan**

The 2012 work plan draft was presented to the arts commissioners. They were asked to contemplate and make any suggestions. The work plan will be voted on at the February meeting.

**WABI**—Maureen Hoffmann spoke about this new organization, Walk-Bike Burien or WABI, that just received its non-profit organization status. The organization hopes to bring walking and biking events as well as volunteer activities to Burien. Maureen talked about the recent bike rack project in White Center, where racks were created by a local blacksmith/artist, and she will be talking to the artist to get more information about the project. Michael mentioned the bike racks in Newport Oregon. Debbie mentioned the walk to school program that happens on Thursdays at Cedarhurst Elementary School. One of the projects of WABI is the bi-monthly walk and talk events and forty-one people came to last walk and talk on January 1st.

#### **AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT**

**Arts Education**—Shelli talked about the first meeting of the Highline School District Arts Council on November 29<sup>th</sup>. The Council is a group of teachers, administrators, principals, and community members with an interest in arts education. The Council focused on directions it can

take and how support can be provided to HSD Arts Coordinator Stefan Nelson, as well as how the council can support the arts agenda at the school board level. Gina discussed the idea of a HSD student art walk that could be held in May in Downtown Burien.

**Public Art**— Gina discussed the two current public art projects:

**New Start/PSSC sculpture project**—The teachers at the two schools are discussing how the project can be done in the 2011/2012 school year. Beverly and Dale are still hoping to create a musical sculpture at New Start School.

**Dollar Store Mural**—The call has gone out to the public and been widely publicized. Gina has received many calls and e-mails from interested artists. Negotiations are underway with the owner of the building to develop a contract that pleases all stakeholders. The artist proposals are due on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Art at the Capital**— At the request of our representatives, Michael installed art at the Capitol in December. 36 pieces from 13 artists (from Burien and surrounding city's) have been hung in 4 offices. The work is in the offices of Zack Hudgins, Tina Orwell, Bob Hasegawa, and the Democratic Caucus Room. The work will be up until the end of the session on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Artists included are: Jean Cavanaugh, Lisa Pickering, Doug Query, Shannon Twilley, Kelda Martensen, Michael Lowe, Jesse Murray, Kenneth De Roux, Kim Bly, Francis Zera, Garreth Schuh, Crystal Campbell, Nancy Bogni, and Shelli Park.

## **STAFF REPORT**

**SOCO Meeting**—Gina attended the SOCO Culture meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> in Kent. At the meeting professional fundraiser John Heathcliff discussed ways organizations could increase their fundraising by tracking their audience and doing direct marketing, knowing their donors, and creating great programming.

**Empty Bowls**—The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowls event will be held on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Burien Community Center.

**Arts and Heritage Day**—The annual Arts and Heritage Day will be held in Olympia on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. On this day many representatives from Washington's arts and heritage organizations come to Olympia and meet with representatives to remind them of the importance of the arts and heritage for the community.

The meeting was adjourned.